



Public Law 88-590  
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## An Act

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To provide for establishment of the Canyonlands National Park in the State of Utah, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in order to preserve an area in the State of Utah possessing superlative scenic, scientific, and archeologic features for the inspiration, benefit, and use of the public, there is hereby established the Canyonlands National Park which, subject to valid existing rights, shall comprise the following generally described lands:

Canyonlands Na-  
tional Park, Utah.  
Establishment.

Beginning at a point on the left or east bank of the Green River on the north township line of township 27 south, range 17½ (partially surveyed), Salt Lake base and meridian:

thence easterly along the north township line through township 27 south, range 17½ east (partially surveyed), and township 27 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed), to the northeast corner of section 6, township 27 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of section 6 to the southeast corner of section 6, township 27 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of sections 8, 9, and 10 to the northeast corner of section 10, township 27 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of section 10 to the southeast corner of section 10, township 27 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of sections 14 and 13 to the northeast corner of section 13, township 27 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing easterly along the north line of sections 18, 17, 16, and 15 to the northeast corner of section 15, township 27 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of sections 15 and 22 to the southeast corner of section 22, township 27 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of sections 26 and 25 to the northeast corner of section 25, township 27 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing easterly along the north line of section 30 to the northeast corner of section 30, township 27 south, range 20 east;

thence southerly along the east line of section 30 to the southeast corner of section 30, township 27 south, range 20 east;

thence easterly along the south line of section 29 to the southeast corner of the west half of section 28, township 27 south, range 20 east;

thence southerly along the east line of the west half of section 33 to the southeast corner of the west half of section 33, township 27 south, range 20 east;

thence continuing southerly along the east line of the west half of sections 4, 9, 16, and 21 to the southeast corner of the west half of section 21, township 28 south, range 20 east;

thence westerly along the south line of sections 21 and 20 to the southwest corner of section 20, township 28 south, range 20 east;

thence southerly along the east line of sections 30 and 31 to the southeast corner of section 31, township 28 south, range 20 east;

thence continuing southerly along the east line of sections 6 and



7 to the southeast corner of the north half of section 7, township 29 south, range 20 east;

thence westerly along the south line of the north half of section 7 to the southwest corner of the north half of section 7, township 29 south, range 19 east;

thence continuing westerly along the south line of the northeast quarter of section 12 to the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 12, township 29 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of the west half of sections 12, 13, and 24 to the southeast corner of the west half of section 24, township 29 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 24 to the southwest corner of section 24, township 29 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of sections 26 and 35 to the southeast corner of section 35, township 29 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the south line of township 29 south, range 19 east, to the east line of the west half of section 36, township 29½ south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of the west half of section 36 to the southeast corner of the west half of section 36, township 29½ south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing southerly along the east line of the west half of section 1 to the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 1, township 30 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of the southeast quarter of section 1 to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 1, township 30 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of section 1 to the southeast corner of section 1, township 30 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of section 7 to the northeast corner of section 7, township 30 south, range 20 east;

thence southerly along the east line of section 7 to the southeast corner of section 7, township 30 south, range 20 east;

thence easterly along the north line of section 17 to the northeast corner of section 17, township 30 south, range 20 east;

thence southerly along the east line of section 17 to the southeast corner of section 17, township 30 south, range 20 east;

thence easterly along the north line of sections 21 and 22 to the northeast corner of section 22, township 30 south, range 20 east;

thence southerly along the east line of sections 22, 27, and 34 to the southeast corner of section 34, township 30 south, range 20 east;

thence easterly along the south line of township 30 south, range 20 east, to the east line of section 34, township 30½ south, range 20 east (partially surveyed);

thence southerly along the east line of section 34 to the southeast corner of section 34, township 30½ south, range 20 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing southerly along the east line of sections 3, 10, 15, 22, 27, and 34 to the southeast corner of section 34, township 31 south, range 20 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing southerly along the east line of sections 3, 10, and 15 to the southeast corner of section 15, township 32 south, range 20 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of sections 15, 16, 17, and 18 to the southwest corner of section 18, township 32 south, range 20 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of section 18 to the northwest corner of section 18, township 32 south, range 20 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 12 to the southwest corner of section 12, township 32 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 12 and 1 to the northwest corner of section 1, township 32 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 35 to the southwest corner of section 35, township 31 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 35 and 26 to the northwest corner of section 26, township 31 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of sections 22, 21, 20, and 19 to the southwest corner of section 19, township 31 south, range 19 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing westerly along the south line of sections 24, 23, 22, 21, 20, and 19 to the southwest corner of section 19, township 31 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing westerly along the south line of sections 24, 23, and 22 to the southwest corner of the east half of section 22, township 31 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of the east half of section 22 to the northwest corner of the east half of section 22, township 31 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 15 to the southwest corner of section 15, township 31 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 15, 10, and 3 to the northwest corner of section 3, township 31 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of sections 3, 2, and 1 to the northeast corner of section 1, township 31 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing easterly along the north line of section 6 to the northeast corner of section 6, township 31 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence north through partially surveyed township 30½ south, range 18 east, to the north line of partially surveyed township 30½ south, range 18 east;

thence easterly along the north line of partially surveyed township 30½ south, range 18 east, to the southwest corner of section 34, township 30 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 34 and 27 to the northwest corner of section 27, township 30 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of section 27 to the northeast corner of section 27, township 30 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 23, 14, 11, and 2 to the northwest corner of section 2, township 30 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);



thence continuing northerly along the west line of section 35 to the northwest corner of section 35, township 29 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 27 to the southwest corner of section 27, township 29 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 27 and 22 to the northwest corner of section 22, township 29 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 16 to the southwest corner of section 16, township 29 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 16 and 9 to the northwest corner of section 9, township 29 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 5 to the southwest corner of section 5, township 29 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of section 5 to the northwest corner of section 5, township 29 south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing northerly along the west line of section 32 to the northwest corner of section 32, township 28½ south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of section 30 to the southwest corner of section 30, township 28½ south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 30 and 19 to the northwest corner of the south half of section 19, township 28½ south, range 18 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of the north half of sections 24 and 23 to the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of section 23, township 28 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of the northeast quarter of section 23 and the west line of the southeast quarter of section 14 to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of section 14, township 28 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence westerly along the south line of the north half of sections 14 and 15 to the southwest corner of the north half of section 15, township 28 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 15, 10, and 3 to the northwest corner of section 3, township 28 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence continuing northerly along the west line of sections 34, 27, 22, and 15 to the northwest corner of the south half of section 15, township 27 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence easterly along the north line of the south half of sections 15 and 14 to the northeast corner of the south half of section 14, township 27 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed);

thence northerly along the west line of sections 13, 12, and 1, township 27 south, range 17 east (partially surveyed), to the right or west bank of the Green River;

thence northerly across the Green River to the point of beginning, containing approximately 257,640 acres.

SEC. 2. Within the area described in section 1 hereof or which lies within the boundaries of the park, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire lands and interests in lands by such means as he may deem to be in the public interest. The Secretary may accept title to any non-Federal property within the park, including State-owned

Acquisition of  
lands.

school sections and riverbed lands, and in exchange therefor he may convey to the grantor of such property any federally owned property under his jurisdiction within the State of Utah, notwithstanding any other provision of law. The properties so exchanged shall be of the same classification, as near as may be, and shall be of approximately equal value, and the Secretary shall take administrative action to complete transfer on any lands in a proper application by the State of Utah on or before the expiration of one hundred twenty days following the date of enactment of this Act: *Provided*, That the Secretary may accept cash from, or pay cash to, the grantor in such an exchange in order to equalize the values of the properties exchanged. Federal property located within the boundaries of the park may, with the concurrence of the agency having custody thereof, be transferred to the administrative jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, without consideration, for use by him in carrying out the purposes of this Act. Any lands within the boundaries of the park which are subject to Bureau of Reclamation or Federal Power Commission withdrawals are hereby freed and exonerated from any such withdrawal and shall, on the date of enactment of this Act, become a part of the Canyonlands National Park subject to no qualifications except those imposed by this Act.

SEC. 3. Where any Federal lands included within the Canyonlands National Park are legally occupied or utilized on the date of approval of this Act for grazing purposes, pursuant to a lease, permit, or license for a fixed term of years issued or authorized by any department, establishment, or agency of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior shall permit the persons holding such grazing privileges to continue in the exercise thereof during the term of the lease, permit, or license, and one period of renewal thereafter.

Grazing privi-  
leges.

SEC. 4. (a) In order to provide suitable access to the Canyonlands National Park and facilities and services required in the operation and administration of the park, the Secretary may select the location or locations of an entrance road or roads to such park and to points of interest therein from United States Route 160 and State Routes 24 and 95, including necessary entrance and related administrative headquarters sites upon lands located outside the park, and he may select a suitable location or locations outside the park for connections between entrance roads and between roads lying within the Canyonlands National Park.

Access roads.

(b) To carry out the purposes of this section, the Secretary may acquire non-Federal lands or interests in lands by donation, purchase, condemnation, exchange, or such other means as he may deem to be in the public interest: *Provided*, That lands and interests in lands acquired outside the park as rights-of-way for said entrance roads and connections shall not exceed an average of one hundred twenty-five acres per mile. Rights-of-way and entrance and administrative sites acquired pursuant to this authority shall be administered pursuant to such special regulations as the Secretary may promulgate in furtherance of the purposes of this section.

Rights-of-way.

(c) The Secretary may construct, reconstruct, improve, and maintain upon the lands or interests in lands acquired pursuant to this section, or otherwise in Government ownership, an entrance road or roads and connections of parkway standards, including necessary bridges and other structures and utilities as necessary, and funds appropriated for the National Park Service shall be available for these purposes: *Provided*, That if any portion of such road or roads crosses national forest land the Secretary shall obtain the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture before construction of such portion shall begin.

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Forest road.

(d) The Secretary is hereby authorized to cooperate with the Secretary of Agriculture in the location and extension of a forest development road from State Route 95 and may extend the same from the national forest boundary to the park and points of interest therein in accordance with the applicable provisions of this section.

Administration.

SEC. 5. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the administration, protection, and development of the Canyonlands National Park, as established pursuant to this Act, shall be exercised by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 and the following), as amended and supplemented.

Approved September 12, 1964.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 1823 accompanying H. R. 6925 (Comm. on Interior & Insular Affairs) and No. 1881 (Comm. of Conference).  
SENATE REPORT No. 381 (Comm. on Interior & Insular Affairs).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD:

Vol. 109 (1963): Aug. 2, considered and passed Senate.

Vol. 110 (1964): Aug. 19, considered and passed House, amended,  
in lieu of H. R. 6925.

Aug. 21, Senate disagreed to House amendments,  
asked for conference.

Sept. 3, House and Senate agreed to conference  
report.